**Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 10, 2014**

1. **Call to Order**

The Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE) was called to order on September 10, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. by co-chair Karla Sanders in the Student Success Center Classroom 1115, at Ninth Street Hall.

**Members present:** Cindy Boyer, Kesha Coker, Mona Davenport, Lyndsay Jenkins, Jeanne Lord, Scott Meiners, Kimberlie Moock (co-chair), Karla Sanders, (co-chair), Jody Stone, Jennifer Stringfellow, and Carol Waldmann

**Members absent:** Teri Farr, Stephen King, and Amber Osborne

**Guest present:** Erica Ferrufino and Jamye Hardy, graduate assistants

1. **Welcome to new and returning committee members**

Karla Sanders welcomed the returning and new committee members: Stephen King, Communication Studies; Jeanne Lord, LCBAS; Scott Meiners, Biological Sciences; and Carol Waldmann, Financial Aid.

1. **Approval of April 3, 2014 Minutes**

Kesha Coker made a motion to approve the April 3, 2014 minutes as written. Scott Meiners seconded the motion to approve. The April 3,2014 minutes were approved with Cindy Boyer, Mona Davenport, Lyndsay Jenkins, and Jody Stone abstaining.

1. **Class at a glance**

Karla Sanders disseminated the *SP14 and FA14 Registered and Not Registered Report* and mentioned that the retention rate for freshman and sophomores has dropped to 76%. Discussion followed.

1. **Focus for 2014-2015**

Karla Sanders gave an overview from last year of the predictor and the data that was accumulated. Sanders disseminated information on the *Guided Pathways to Success in STEM Careers* and *Gateways to Completion*. Discussion followed with the committee agreeing to focus on the following items for the AY2014-2015:

1. Majors At-Risk
2. Undeclared Students
3. Special Admission Programs and attrition
4. Stem Careers and majors
5. Department Initiatives

The committee will split into two groups:

* **Departmental Focus**

This group will consist of the following: Karla Sanders, Kesha Coker, Teri Farr, Lyndsay Jenkins, Stephen King, Jeanne Lord, and Scott Meiners.

* **Predictor Outcomes**

This group will consist of the following: Kimberlie Moock, Cindy Boyer, Mona Davenport, Amber Osborne, Jody Stone, Jennifer Stringfellow, and Carol Waldmann and will invite Linda Coffey from the Business Office.

1. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next CORE meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in classroom 1115 at Ninth Street Hall in the Student Success Center.

*~Minutes submitted by Ms. Kimberly Sweeney, Recording Secretary*